

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/632,364	SCHOROEDER ET AL.	
	Examiner Tina M. Wong	Art Unit 2874	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 24 June 2005.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-31.
3. The drawings filed on 24 June 2005 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |
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Applicant's amendment filed on 24 June 2005 has been fully considered. Claims 1-31 have been previously allowed and rejected claims 32-35 have been cancelled. The replacement drawings included in the amendment filed 24 June 2005 has been accepted by the Examiner.

Examiner's Statement Of Reasons For Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As stated in the previous Office action, mailed 11 April 2005, paper number 042005, claims 1-31 are allowed. The prior art of record fails to disclose or reasonably suggest a method of making at least one hole through an optical transparent body including the steps of providing an ultra short pulse laser having a subpicosecond laser pulse duration, providing a laser output focusing lens, providing a 90%/cm optical transparent body, providing a liquid filled container in contact with the transparent body, directing the laser output through the lens to produce a focused laser output, where the laser output forms a tracing of at least one hole track pattern through the transparent glass and where the hole track pattern is contact with the liquid and creates at least one hole. The closest prior art of record in this application is Japanese Patent 405139787 A to Kondo et al. Kondo et al discloses a photosensitive glass plate also etched by a laser and then heat treated to form a three dimensional shaped groove for receiving an optical fiber. However, Kondo et al fails to disclose all the details in the method steps as disclosed by Applicant. Furthermore, Kondo et al. heat-treats a photosensitive glass plate to form an optical fiber receiving hole as opposed to Applicant who acid etches an oxide bulk glass plate to form an optical fiber receiving hole.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tina M. Wong whose telephone number is (571) 272-2352. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rodney Bovernick can be reached on (571) 272-2344. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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